Sri T. SUBRAMANYA.—I have already answered that a representation was made and we sent it to the Deputy Commissioner to postpone the election if the law provides for it.

Permanent Civil Court for Saundatti in Belgaum District.

*Q.—26. Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Sampagaon I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether any representation has been made by the public of Parasgad taluk to establish a permanent civil court at Saundatti in Belgaum district;

(*b*) if so, the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

A.—Sri B. D. JATTI (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) There is no representation from the public but the President, Saundatti Yellamma Municipality, has given a representation to Government requesting for the establishment of a Civil-*cum*-Criminal Court at Saundatti.

(*b*) The proposal is under consideration of Government.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—May I know whether the High Court have been consulted in the matter and whether their proposal is under consideration?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—Yes.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—At what stage it is?

Sri B. D. JATTI.—It has come to the final stage.

Construction of Maternity Ward at Muragod in Belgaum District.

*Q.—28. Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Sampagaon I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the steps taken by them to construct a new building for maternity ward at Muragod, Belgaum district, sanctioned under the post-war reconstruction scheme;

(*b*) whether it is not a fact that the maternity ward is housed in a hired building which is most unsuited for the purpose?

A.—Sri K. K. HEGDE (Minister for Health).—

(*a*) Type designs for the building have been sent to the Executive Engineer, Belgaum Division, and estimates are awaited.

(*b*) Yes; the building is not satisfactory.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—May I know when the type designs have been sent to the P.W.D.?

†Sri K. K. HEGDE.—In the latter part of last year.

Purchase of Gold of Kolar Gold Fields by the Government of India

*Q.—30. Sri H. V. KOUJALGI (Sampagaon I).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government of India has made an agreement with the Government of Mysore to purchase the gold of Kolar Gold Field at a fixed price;

(*b*) if so, from what date and at what rate and other terms, etc.;

(*c*) in what way these terms are beneficial to the State of Mysore?

A.—Sri T. MARIAPPA (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) The State Government have agreed to hand over gold produced by the Kolar Gold Mining Undertakings and the Hatti Gold Mines to the Government of India.

(*b*) From July 1958, the State Government is getting value not less than market rate.

(*c*) The State Government gets the most advantageous rate for the gold.

Sri H. V. KOUJALGI.—May I know the circumstances that led the Government to enter into this contract or arrangement?

Sri T. MARIAPPA.—With your permission, Sir, I shall sit and answer.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Yes.